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1. Wu P'u hsiang (五浦鄉), directly east of Ningpo, has been asked to contribute heavily to Communist food and military supplies. The hsiang, with an area of 20,000 mou of cultivated land and a population of 15,000, normally produces more than 110,000 piculs of unhusked rice annually. This usually means a surplus of about 30,000 piculs.
2. At the end of 1949, however, Communist authorities began to collect food and asked each village to donate 10,000 catties of polished rice and 5,000 catties of unhusked rice. Collections were enforced through local branches of national organizations: The Liberation Movement (Fan Shen (翻身)), and the Peasants' Federation, as well as a special "Battle Front Aid Committees". Commandeering work has been handled by Peasants' Federation branches made up of tenant farmers and migrants, who also prosecute anti-Communist elements.
3. In addition to the rice requisitioned, each village in the area has been ordered to supply 36 large wooden boats. Each pao (保) has to furnish ten boatmen, who are sent to Chenputu (121-16, 28-12) for training.
4. At the beginning of 1950, all residents of Wu P'u Hsiang between 18 and 50 were divided, according to family position and social status, into four groups for assignment on a monthly labor quota. The first group is required to do construction or other work for the authorities six days a month, the second group three days, the third group two days, and the fourth group one day. Persons who do not wish to work can be released from the assignment by payment of 30 catties of rice. Since most of the hsiang population is unwilling to perform this forced labor, large quantities of rice have been paid in to the Communists.

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